

## **Mayor's Message – May 2017**

As soon as the Legislature Session is over, we move right to the process of budget preparation for the upcoming year. In the day to day news media, there is a lot of talk about government shortfalls, government shutdowns, overspending and hobbled talks about priorities. That's not the Murray way, I'm proud to present a balanced budget for City Council's approval. It includes plans to accomplish some exciting projects in the upcoming year and yet maintain solid reserves in the event of emergencies

After the Council receives the budget, they can make changes and recommendations, but they too are required to have a balanced budget as the end product. They will receive input from residents and departments. The tentative budget will be available for preview after May 16 and the public hearing is scheduled for June 6 in our Council Chambers.

Murray has 16 different funds in our budget:

- General Fund
- Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Fund
- Redevelopment Agency (RDA) Fund
- Library Fund
- Municipal Building Authority (MBA) Fund
- Metropolitan Narcotics Task Force Fund
- Cemetery Care Fund (Special Revenue Fund)
- Risk Fund (Internal Service Fund)
- Central Garage Fund (Internal Service Fund)
- Enterprise Funds (Each fund is treated as an individual business)
  - Murray Parkway Golf Course
  - Power
  - Stormwater
  - Solid Waste
  - Telecommunications
  - Water
  - Wastewater

The budget is a financial plan and summarizes in financial figures the direction for the future with the projected expenditures and revenue of upcoming projects. Our budget is a reflection of the priorities of the city, and it reflects the direction and goals for the coming year. Murray is an independent city which provides the majority of the needed services to our residents. In a perfect world, all requests of citizens and departments would be granted, but that just isn't possible. Although we are a land-locked city, services are expanding and we strive to stay ahead of the growth we are experiencing. The rebuilding of our downtown area remains a major focus, and there are budget line items to help with this project. It is important to create an environment with new ideas and expanding services while continuing to be financially stable and not leave problems for future generations and elected officials.

I know our City Council Members take the budget as seriously as I do. We recognize the responsibilities placed upon us, work hard to meet the needs of the city, allocate money where we can make the biggest impact and provide the best improvements for our citizens. We strive to keep our Murray, a City without Equal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ted Eyre". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent "T" and "E".

Ted Eyre  
Mayor